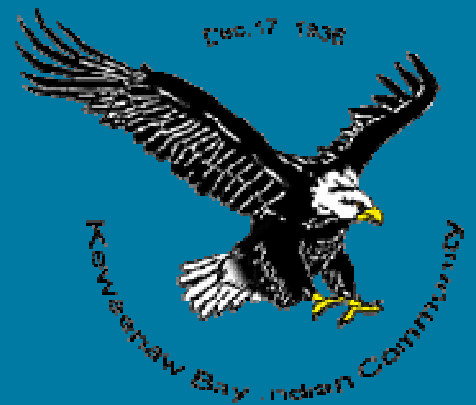




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Tashina Emery-Kaupila Crowned Miss Keweenaw Bay



Fifteen-year-old Tashina Emery-Kaupila was crowned Friday evening, July 25th, as Keweenaw Bay's Royalty for the 2008 term. Tashina is the daughter of Jeanne and Dave Kaupila of Baraga. Tashina was one of five candidates eligible for this year's crown.



The 30th Annual Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Maawanji'iding was held July 25-27, 2008, at the Ojibwa Powwow Campgrounds in Baraga, Michigan. This year's theme was "Honor Our Public Service Providers." With 403 registered dancers and 12 registered drums, participants and spectators enjoyed a weekend of beautiful weather, song and dancers. Tribal President, Warren "Chris" Swartz Jr., gave the welcome following Friday evening's grand entry. The Powwow committee honored the following six elders this year, Elizabeth Galer, James "Jay" Loonsfoot, Charles "Chuck" Loonsfoot, Sr., Violet Friisvall,

Warren "Jerry" Swartz, Sr. and Loretta Hugo. Buffalo Horse, Minnesota Ojibwa, honored the community as host drum along with Four Thunders, Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa, as co-host drum. Other community honors were: Jim St. Arnold (Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa) as Head Veteran Dancer, Lester Drift Memorial Head Male Dancer (Rodney Loonsfoot-Friday evening grand entry, Alden Connor Sr.-Saturday afternoon grand entry, Donald Chosa Jr.-Saturday evening grand entry, Donald Chosa III-Sunday grand entry), Rebecca Genschow (Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa) as Head Female Dancer, Leon Chosa (Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa) as Head Male

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Tribal Council Members:

Warren C. Swartz Jr., President
Susan J. LaFerner, Vice-President
Toni Minton, Secretary
William E. Emery, Asst. Secretary
Jennifer Misegan, Treasurer
Larry J. Denomie III, CEO
Doreen Blaker
Elizabeth D. Mayo
Michael F. LaFerner, Sr.
Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews
Jerry Lee Curtis
Frederick Dakota



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- August 16, 2008, Tribal Council meeting
- KBIC Summer Youth Build Butterfly Houses for the Zaagkii Project
- KBOCC passes Accreditation Eligibility Review
- Rapid Watershed Assessment Project
- Make A Difference Youth Foundation
- Continuing To Protect The Earth
- Aabinoojiiyens
- Ojibwemowin



President Warren "Chris" Swartz Jr. welcomes all to the 2008 Maawanji'iding following grand entry on Friday, July 25th.

August 16, 2008 — Tribal Council Meeting

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on August 16, 2008, in the Chippewa Room of the Ojibwa Resort Motel in Baraga, Michigan. Warren C. Swartz Jr. presided over the meeting with Susan LaFerner, Toni Minton, William E. Emery, Jennifer Misegan, Larry Denomie III, Jerry Lee Curtis, Michael F. LaFerner Sr., Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo and Fred Dakota present. President Swartz shared numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items addressed to Council. Council approved the Department Head reports for June 2008. One of the information items mentioned was regarding the Cultural Committee's Film and Photo Project. Fifteen tapes had been made during the 2007 Cultural Week Workshops, but high expenses prevented the editing of the tapes. Chuck Miller, a KBIC Tribal Member, has expressed an interest through possible contract to produce a documentary or a presentation about the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Chuck Miller has experience in freelance filmmaking. He is currently shooting and editing an environmental documentary, *Planet of the Humans*. He is currently working on a proposal for the Cultural Committee to assist them with their film and photo projects. The Council will need to review the expense as the Cultural Committee does not have the funds to take on such a venture, and this topic will be brought up again at the budget meeting.

Warren "Chris" Swartz Jr. gave the President's report. David Dix of the Michigan Gaming Control Board did an onsite visit July 7-15. The purpose of the sight visit was to inspect the Tribe's Class III gaming related records for the purpose of verifying the reported net win at each Casino derived from all Class III electronic games of chance, and in relation to our 8% payments, making sure they have been properly remitted for fiscal years 2006 and 2007.

Due to the resignation of Leon LaBeau, President Swartz appointed Lawrence "Fulla" Swartz to the Natural Resources Committee.

On July 21st, President Swartz had been informed that one of the transfer homes was in transport to the community and was going to be stored at the industrial park site.

President Swartz corresponded with Jennifer Rajala, City Clerk of Ishpeming, regarding the status of the Marquette Casino in Negaunee Township. She was worried that our direction had changed, and President Swartz wanted to update her that the Council still maintains putting a casino in Negaunee Township.

President Swartz indicated that he welcomed everyone to the 30th Annual Keweenaw Bay Powwow. The powwow was a huge success.

President Swartz met with the Gaming Commissioners per Council's request.

President Swartz reported on CITES an acronym for Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of wild fauna and flora. These CITES tags must be attached to certain animal skins, including furs, in order to transport them to international markets. The absences of tribal CITES programs has made it difficult for tribal trappers to sell furs. In the past, Federal officials denied CITES authority to Great Lakes Tribes, insisting that tribes participate under state programs. Some tribes felt this infringed on sovereignty and their ability to self regulate, as well as making the process of attaining tags unnecessarily cumbersome to their tribal trappers. Without properly attached CITES tags, fur buyers and many taxidermist decline to purchase or handle pelts. President Swartz had asked Councilmember Fred Dakota to attend the VOIGHT Task meeting on behalf of the Community and to inform GLIFWC that we would be willing to participate in meetings to comply with the CITES tags. It

is a Federal requirement in order to sell otter and bobcat. Fred Dakota did attend that meeting.

The Community received a thank you from Margaret Comfort regarding our donation for *Walking The U.P. For Clean Water*. Beginning August 17th, a lively group of dedicated and concerned citizens will walk with a support team from Eagle Rock on the Yellow Dog Plains to their final destination on the Mackinaw Bridge. The team will walk across the U.P. to raise awareness about the potential harmful effects of metallic sulfide and uranium mining. For more information see www.savethewildup.org.

President Swartz attended a 2008 Symposium on Sex Offenders Management and Accountability which was held on July 30-August 1 in Baltimore, Maryland. The symposium included key note addresses and concurrent sessions that discussed a wide variety of topics relating to sex offender management and the implementation of the Adam Walsh Act. The symposium also offered specialized tracks focusing on policy, enforcement, emergent issues and other Indian Country issues. SMART administers the standards for sex offender registration; administering grant programs relating to sex offender registration and notification; cooperates with and offers technical assistances of states, territories, local units of government and tribal government; and they also perform other functions as the Attorney General may delegate. Their mission is to insure that sex offenders are prohibited from preying on citizens through a system of appropriate restrictions, regulations and tracking. SMART is an acronym for Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking, of sex offenders. It is important for the Community to continue to get the registration of those sex offenders here on the reservation because currently in Indian Country, sex offenders are forum shopping which means they are looking for jurisdictions that don't have any registration requirements, so they don't have to be tracked when they come to those Indian reservations. This is an attempt to close the loop holes, so we can continue to track sex offenders in Indian Country also. There are a few technical problems that need to be worked out, but we can file for a couple of extensions; however, we do need to show that we are working toward the implementation of the requirements.

President Swartz and Council attended a presentation with the Community held in the Chippewa Room last Thursday to promote comprehensive strategies to reduce crime and revitalize communities. CCDO helps communities help themselves enabling them to reduce drug crime and strengthen community capacity to increase the quality of life here on the reservation and to promote long term community health and resilience. The team will be issuing a final report which will be forthcoming in the near future. There were many good ideas discussed at that meeting.

Regarding ordinances, President Swartz stated that Tribal Council held a second reading of the Tobacco ordinance on August 11th to hear from concerned tribal members. The turnout for this meeting was good, and Council had the opportunity to hear from a number of tribal members. The Council now needs to schedule a third reading of the proposed ordinance. Tribal Council also held a second reading of the proposed Appellate Court ordinance on July 31st, and Council also needs to schedule a third reading of that proposed ordinance.

President Swartz concluded his report stating that he attended a celebration in the Ottawa National Forest near the Bear's Den Lookout sight. It is that place in the Sturgeon Gorge area where one can look out and see everything. It is the next road past the Silver

Mountain and is a beautiful sight. The National Ottawa Forest acquired about 2,000 acres from the Wisconsin Electric Company with the help of U.S. Senator Carl Levin, Senator Debbie Stabenow and Congressman Bart Stupak's office. It is great that Wisconsin Electrical Company is giving that to the National Ottawa Forest and that they were preserving it for the next seven generations. Any addition to the Ottawa National Forest is great for the Community because it gives us the opportunity to hunt and fish more land.

Vice President Susan LaFerner gave the Vice President report for July 2008. On July 8, Vice-President LaFerner attended a Drug Task Force meeting. The Task Force continues to work with New Day on possible future projects and will be meeting with the grant writer on possible grants. The Drug Task Force is continuing to work on a billboard and brochures. Please listen for our Eagle Radio station ads regarding Crystal Meth. Remember the Drug Tip Line is 353-DRUG (353-3784). Vice President LaFerner expressed a thank you to Todd Warner and the Natural Resource Dept. staff for coordinating the 2008 KBIC Clean Sweep which was held on the same date as the Council meeting - August 16. Our contested Court hearing on mining has concluded hearing witnesses, and our attorneys have until September 23 to prepare the proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law. The hearing officer will then either grant or deny the 632 mining permit and Part 31 groundwater discharge permit. There have been discussions about reopening the Humboldt Processing Facility. According to the DEQ, a separate permit would be required under Part 632 for the reopening of the facility because it is not within or adjacent to the site of the proposed mining activities. An amendment of the mining permit for construction of a new haul road and any extensions of the electrical service from Road 550 to the mine site would be required. Vice President LaFerner participated in the IHS Tribal Advisory Board conference call on July 28th and 29th. She participated on the "Keep It In The U.P." Eagle radio show regarding the first "Protect The Earth Summit" held on August 3-4, with Gabriel Caplett from the Yellow Dog Summer group.

Larry Denomie III, CEO, gave a report for July 2008. The month of July was a very quiet month as many directors and employees utilized vacation time. The budget preparation process will begin as fiscal year 2009 is fast approaching. This year will progress a little differently than in the past due to the fact that the finalization of the new wage system is not complete. Notices have been issued to every department within the Tribe requesting they complete as much of their budgets as possible, and once the final wage information is approved by Council, departments will be given a two week period to complete their budgets. Another change in the process this year is the requirement that the General Managers and the CEO's office approve submitted budgets prior to them being submitted for review by Council. This should aid in moving the process along faster at the Council level. The Wage Task Force will be meeting at the end of August and probably two additional times in early September will be needed to complete the work needed to complete the process. The first rounds of wage adjustments were made to employees through grade six in the wage system. Eligible governmental employees' adjustments showed up on their July 25th paychecks, and the eligible enterprise employees received their adjustments in their August 8th paychecks. Every employee received a notice with their paychecks explaining the process and what to expect in the coming weeks. We have received official notice that the Even Start Program will be funded for an-

other year. The program has been under the direction of Mary DeLine but will soon be led by another director as Ms. DeLine has recently resigned from the program to take a position with Ojibwa Community College. The position has been posted and closed on August 15. Applications will be reviewed and interviews will be scheduled in the near future. On July 25th, Council terminated the contract of Ed Janisse who was serving as the General Manager of the Tribes radio stations. Todd Overbeek, aka “Todd VanDyke”, has been placed into the position on an interim basis. Another change to the staffing at the stations will occur as well. Jackie Marinich will be leaving as the Sales Manager since she has accepted the vacant position of Marketing Manager for the Tribes Casinos. Jackie will stay on at the radio stations until a replacement is hired and trained. The annual powwow took place the week of July 24th. Beautiful weather allowed for a nice weekend for the attendees. It has been reported that dancer numbers were down from years past, and it is speculated that fuel prices were the cause. Many hours of planning and organizing go into the event each year and a huge Miigwetch goes out to all those who made it a success including the Powwow Committee, volunteers and workers.

Toni Minton presented the Secretary’s Report. In July 2008, the Tribal Council had one regular Tribal Council meeting, two finance meetings and four special Council meetings. The regular Council meeting was held on July 12th and was covered in the August 2008 Tribal Newsletter. The first special Council meeting was held on July 8, 2008. Actions taken were: waived the GED requirement to hire a former Pines employee and Council agreed to go back to Tribal First Insurance through 3M. The second special Council meeting was held on July 17, 2008. Actions taken were to: approved the meeting minutes of April 10, May 15 and May 28, 2008, waived the survey requirement on the Swartz property acquisition, agreed to move the August 2nd regular meeting to August 16th, approved a donation of \$1,832.76 for John Paul DeCota, approved a donation of \$10,000 to the Native American Rights Fund, approved the Service Agreements of the Pow Wow Head Drums – Four Thunders and Buffalo Horse, renewed the business license of Stacey Koski for Koski’s World of Wheels, and approved a donation of \$22,000 in Tribal Construction wages for work to be performed at the L’Anse Sports Complex. The Council met on July 23, 2008, for a Finance Meeting. Council reviewed the audits of the KBIC government, Tribal Construction, Ojibwa Housing and Baraga and Marquette Casino’s; reviewed the financial reports through May 2008 of both Casinos, Pines and Radio Stations; made a donation of \$200 to Cally Tolonen and referred a change in policy for graduating seniors to include the Marquette Trust Property to the Education Committee. A second finance meeting was held on July 24, 2008. Council approved Resolution KB1623-2008 – Public Health Nursing grant application; approved an additional \$1,600 for a 2009 Pick-up for the Bear-town Firefighters; reviewed the financial reports through May 2008 of the KBIC Government; donated \$5000 to the Jacobetti Veteran’s Center for a van purchase; donated \$500 to the Baraga County Auxiliary for the All Women’s Fishing Tournament; increased KBIC committee stipends to \$30 and KBIC board stipends to \$85 effective January 1, 2009, due to FICA tax requirements. Council held a special meeting on July 25, 2008. Council approved a donation of \$35,000 and \$15,000 in 2% Funds to the Baraga County Shelter Home if they agree to place the Council’s nominee of Wanda Seppanen, VOCA Worker, on the Baraga County Shelter Board, Council also terminated the employment agreement of Edmund Janisse. A special Council meeting was held on July 31, 2008.

Actions taken were: approved the meeting minutes of November 5, 2005, and June 7 and 13, 2008; approved Resolution KB1622-2008 – Tanya Miller residential lease; approved Christopher Gerard, William Jondreau, Tyler Larson, and Debra Picciano as candidates for the Ojibwa Community College Board of Regents; reviewed a draft of the Ethics Code; approved the Service Agreement of the Superior Watershed Partnership for the 2009 Clean Sweep; donated \$300 to Suzie Jondreau for an emergency medical request; and held the second reading of the proposed ordinance 2008-03 Amendments to Title One relating to the Appellate Division of the Tribal Court. **Larry Denomie motioned to post the Fiscal Year 2007 audits, supported by Toni Minton, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Blaker), motion carried.**

Jennifer Misegan indicated that she did not have a Treasurer’s report completed and would submit one next month for July and August 2008.



The Keweenaw Bay Tribal Council presented Jim Feliciano, a representative for Disabled American Veterans, with a check in the amount of \$5,000 towards the purchase of a transportation van for the Jacobetti Disabled Veteran’s Home in Marquette. The KBIC emblem will be displayed on the driver’s door of the van as their appreciation for the generous donation.

Toni Minton introduced the proposed ordinance 2008-04, Election Ordinance, for a first reading. **Toni Minton motioned to waive the first reading of the Election Ordinance 2008-04 due to its length, supported by Jennifer Misegan, nine supported, one opposed (Dakota), 0 abstained, motion carried.** Council scheduled a meeting to meet with the Election Board to review the proposed election ordinance in detail for Wednesday, August 20, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. and scheduled the second reading for public review on August 28, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. in the Chippewa Room. The proposed ordinance will be made available at different locations throughout the reservation and on the Tribe’s website www.kbic-nsn.gov for viewing. Discussions lead to the question of whether or not the ordinance should be sent to the BIA. Attorney John Baker informed Council that the Constitution specifies what ordinances have to go to the BIA. Baker believed the Election ordinance had been amended twice since he has been employed with KBIC and neither of those two amendments went to the BIA. Baker stated that he didn’t think that this section, that is being adopted pursuant to under the Constitution, requires that it goes to the BIA. It is an internal aspect of the Tribe; it has nothing to do with external aspects, and the provisions in the Constitution that addresses sending ordinances to the BIA have to specifically deal with external issues and land transfer issues. Baker stated he would provide Council with a specific list of all the ordinances that are required to be submitted to the BIA, but they can not be submitted to the BIA, regardless to what the nature of the ordinance is, until they have been adopted by the Tribe.

Attorney John Baker brought forth a request for a business license renewal for the KBIC Pre-Primary Education Program. **Toni Minton motioned to approve the business license for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community’s Pre-Primary Education Program,**

supported by Jennifer Misegan, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.

Council moved into closed business with Attorney John Baker (contract), President Warren “Chris” Swartz Jr. (contracts), CEO Larry Denomie III (contract), and Jennifer Misegan (donation) on the agenda.

After closed session the Council approved Service Agreements for the Head Drums of the New Day Pow-wow, approved the Professional Services Agreement of Carlson-Loy and Company and approved the Special Counsel Contract of Fredericks Peebles & Morgan.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS

NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS UNITED STATES AND ALASKA
(Effective October 1, 2007)

	48 Contiguous United States	Alaska
Household Size	Income Limits	Income Limits
1	\$ 985	\$1,294
2	\$1,275	\$1,656
3	\$1,565	\$2,019
4	\$1,864	\$2,381
5	\$2,178	\$2,744
6	\$2,492	\$3,116
7	\$2,782	\$3,479
8	\$3,072	\$3,841
Each additional member	+ \$290	+ \$363

Computation of Income Eligibility Standards — The income eligibility limits for each household size are based on the sum of the Food Stamp Program net monthly income limits and standard deduction amounts used for the appropriate State.

Income Deductions—see 7 CFR 253.6(f)

Dependant Care Deduction — The current maximum allowable dependent care deduction is \$200 for dependent children under two years of age, and \$175 for all other dependents.

Earned Income Deduction — Households with earned income are allowed a deduction of 20 percent of their earned income.

Medicare Part B Medical Insurance and Part D Prescription Drug Coverage Premiums — Households that incur the cost of Medicare Part B medical insurance and/or Part D prescription drug coverage premiums are allowed a deduction for the monthly cost of the premiums.

Child Support Deduction — Households that incur the cost of legally required child support to or for a non-household member are allowed a deduction for the amount of monthly child support paid.

* Can not be on foodstamps.

Digital TV Converter Box Coupon Available to Indian Country — Indian Country, are you ready for the transition? Mark your calendars when TV goes digital on February 17, 2009. If you use “rabbit ears” or a rooftop antenna for over-the-air television signals, your old television may not work after the change.

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) is working with the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (LCCR) to ensure your digital transitions goes smoothly. While supplies last, the government is offering two free \$40 coupons per household to buy converter boxes. Please visit the LCCR website for more information and to order a converter box coupon at www.civilrights.org/dtv.

COLLEGE GRADUATES

The Education Dept. was recently notified that three more KBIC members received college degrees. Bryan Hill received an Associate’s Degree in Industrial Maintenance from Northern Michigan Univ., Christopher Harsh received an Associate’s Degree in General Education from Gogebic Community College, and Emily Mantila received an B.S. degree in Bio-medical Engineering from Michigan Tech. Univ. These three KBIC members graduated in May 2008. Congratulations Bryan, Christopher and Emily!

KBIC SUMMER YOUTH BUILD BUTTERFLY HOUSES FOR THE ZAAGKII PROJECT,

by Greg Peterson, longtime U.P. news reporter and volunteer media advisor for the Zaagkii Project and several other Cedar Tree Institute initiatives

(L'Anse, Michigan) - Translated Mem' en gwa in Algonquian, the butterfly has long been honored in Ojibwa lore, poems and children's games, but Keweenaw Bay Indian Community teens are helping to ensure the butterflies will forever pollinate fruits, vegetables and flowers.

As billions of young honeybees continue to die across the world, and thus are unable to pollinate crops, the KBIC tribe is supporting the Zaagkii Wings and Seeds Project because butterflies fill the important role of pollinators. Experts are unsure why honeybee colonies are collapsing, but pesticides, climate change and other man-made impacts are among the suspected causes.

"Send me butterflies, so that I will be free," states one Chippewa poem while the Ojibwa game "Butterfly Hide and Seek" teaches children to "never to hurt a butterfly" because it's a "gift of good luck if you stayed so quiet that a butterfly would trust you and land on you," according to American Indian internet sites.

The KBIC has long supported initiatives like the Zaagkii Project that were founded by the non-profit Cedar Tree Institute (CTI) in Marquette, including wild rice restoration and Earth Day clean sweeps. The three-year Zaagkii Project is sponsored by the KBIC, CTI, Marquette County Juvenile Court and the United States Forest Service (USFS).

Another important part of the Zaagkii Project is restoring native plants to the once-barren and polluted Sand Point, a Lake Superior beach that the KBIC cleaned of decade's old copper mining waste.

Surrounded by a chorus of loudly chirping birds as a strong north wind cooled a hot July day along Keweenaw Bay, KBIC teens built butterfly houses at the tribal hatchery along with Natural Resource Department (NRD) Water Quality Specialist Kit Laux and NRD environment specialists Char Beesley and Katie Kruse.

Teens participating in the KBIC Summer Youth Program built and decorate the butterfly houses while learning about pollinators with help from youth supervisors Cody Blue, Kim Klopstein and Nancy Voakes.

Butterflies "transport pollen from flower to flower for reproduction," said Jorey Cribbs, 14, of Baraga who helped build and decorated the butterfly houses. "They use the Butterfly houses for shelter in bad weather."

Sixteen-year-old Dylan DeCota of Baraga said butterflies "help reproduction by transferring pollen from different flowers." "Butterflies use the houses to rest while migrating," DeCota said.

With seven tiny slits as an entrance, Butterfly houses are slimmer and longer than better-known bird houses.

Fourteen-year-old William Ross-Geroux of Baraga said he "learned that when butterflies, bees, etc. land on flowers and then land on different flowers, they help them reproduce. The Butterfly houses are resting places for the migrating butterflies. It was a fun learning experience."

Fourteen-year-old Briar Nieskes of Baraga said he enjoyed building the butterfly houses while learning about the importance of pollinators. "I learned that when Butterflies land on flowers and they pick up pollen from other flowers this starts the pollination process," Nieskes said. "The Butterfly houses are used for resting places for them during migration."

Seventeen-year-old Ethan Smith and 15-year-old tribal dancer Janelle Paquin worked to build a butterfly house together. "We put the bark on the inside like so - for the butterflies to rest on," said Smith while holding up the butterfly house long ways to show the strips of bark that line the house. "We put on the top so the sunlight doesn't get in, and they can get a good night's rest," Smith said as he affixed the flat roof to the butterfly house. "That's how we do it on the rez."

KBIC NRD Natural Resources Specialist Evelyn Ravindran said, "The tribe is trying to look at the whole lifecycle for the pollinators. One of them is the butterfly and we want to make sure that they have everything that they need in order to survive in an area," Ravindran said. "We wanted to have houses, so you have places for butterflies to rest and also things that they need to survive - so that they would stay in those areas."

Zaagkii Project founder Rev. Jon Magnuson told the KBIC teens that three million Monarch butterflies from across North America "stop and rest" at many places during an annual migration to Mexico. "One of the places they rest - believe it or not is the Stonington Peninsula down by Escanaba," said Magnuson, CTI executive director. "There are thousands - hundreds of thousands of butterflies - that come there. Nobody knew why but now we know why."

Zaagkii Project volunteer Tom Reed told the KBIC teens about 32 years ago the group Monarch Watch first tracked the butterflies to Mexico. The Monarchs had "a little sticker on their wings - or early on - they just painted a number on the edge of the wing - to track them," said Reed, who has a bachelor's degree in social work. Millions of Monarchs "converge in one small area and they all hang off of each other and drape down off of these trees," Reed said. "They are really vulnerable to extinction."

Klopstein said the butterfly houses "will be presented to the KBIC that will be put in the Pow-Wow grounds. We've got a great team of kids to work with this year," Klopstein continued. "They are good workers."

Negaunee Township beekeeper Jim Hayward gave Marquette teens a tour of his hives that were filled with about 60,000 honeybees explaining the different jobs like workers, drones that don't sting and the all-important queen. Hayward said, "If bees disappear we would have hard luck raising fruits, vegetables, nuts and other commercial crops that we use for our food on an everyday basis."

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) honored the KBIC for restoring Sand Point - the first tribal Brownfield cleanup site in the Midwest - that was polluted about 90 years ago with stamp sands from the Mass Mill that refined copper about four miles to the north along Lake Superior. A six to ten-inch thick soil cap covers 35 acres left barren by the stamp sands, according to Todd Warner, KBIC NRD Director. A prime recreation area with a nature trail and an historic lighthouse will be restored. Future plans for Sand Point include swimming, camping, boating, picnic areas and fishing ponds, Warner said.

Marquette area teens participating in the Zaagkii Project planted 26,000 indigenous seeds at the Hiawatha National Forest greenhouse. Some of those native plants will take root on Sand Point.

"The tribe has always taken a stand that they want to seed - that they want propagation of the native species," Ravindran said. "They want to protect the native species and keep this area the way it is now rather than having the exotics (plants) come in and destroying what we have established. Now that we have the soil capped over at Sand Point - we see it



as a large working area that is wide open to the reestablishment of native plants," Ravindran said. Native plants attract all the life stages of the butterflies.

"It's out in the public view, so it would bring awareness to people all around of the trouble that the pollinators are in and what they can be doing to help - the kind of plants that maybe they can be bringing back to their own home gardens - ways that they can be helping," Ravindran said.

Appearing on a California radio show, a USFS botanist praised the KBIC and Zaagkii Project because native plants "are important sources of pollen and nectar" that makes pollinators "very effective."

"During all the time that these bees and butterflies are active and not dormant is real important," said Jan Schultz, botany and non-native species program leader at the USFS eastern region office in Milwaukee. "So they've got something literally to eat - from the time they emerge - to the time they go back into their caves or cracks in the trees."

Schultz said "Another issue is the amount of chemicals that we use for gardening, and for lawn control. The chemicals many times are not very discriminant, and so they will kill these pollinators as well as the undesirable species. So it's really important for people to think 'Gee, do I really need to use that?'"

The teens and volunteers were thankful for the tribal government's support of the project and said it made learning fun. "The KBIC Summer Youth Program would like say 'Miigwetch' to Evelyn Ravindran of the KBIC Natural Resource Department and Jon Magnuson's Zaagkii Project for giving us the opportunity to be involved with the building and decorating of the Butterfly houses," Klopstein said.

The Zaagkii Project contributors include the Marquette Community Foundation, the Negaunee Community Fund, the Negaunee Community Youth Fund, the M.E. Davenport Foundation, the Kaufman Foundation, the Phyllis and Max Reynolds Foundation, with assistance from the Upper Peninsula Children's Museum in Marquette and the Borealis Seed Company in Big Bay.

Public Notice:

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community is seeking the services of its Tribal members to seat as a delegate at this fall's up-coming Tribal Constitutional Convention. As a delegate, you will have the opportunity to influence changes to our Tribal Constitution and to provide a service to our Tribal Community. Please submit your name to Michael Cardinal, Tribal Constitutional Task Force Chairman, 16429 Bear Town Rd. Baraga, MI. 49908.

2008 Ann Misegan Memorial Scholarship Recipient Chosen



Melissa Crebessa, a Northern Michigan University junior from L'Anse, has been selected as the third recipient of the Tribe's Ann Misegan Memorial Scholarship. The Tribal Education Committee, along with a member of the Health Board, reviewed the applicants and selected Crebessa to receive the scholarship.

Melissa is majoring in Nursing. She is a graduate of L'Anse High School and worked as an intern in the Tribal Medical Clinic this past summer (pictured above).

Ann Misegan was a long time Tribal Council member whose priority was the health of the Tribal membership. She was adamant that Tribal members be trained for as many positions as possible within the Tribe and also encouraged members to seek further education, especially in health fields. She was a member of the Tribe's Health Board as well as their Dental Assistant for many years. She held an LPN certificate from Northern Michigan University and worked as a nurse for Baraga County Memorial Hospital before coming to work for the Tribe. This scholarship seeks to reward members who have the same passion for health care that Ann did.

This scholarship amount is \$1,000 twice a year for up to six years and will be awarded to a new student each fall. Applicants must meet the following criteria: be an enrolled Tribal member, attend an accredited college/university as a full-time student, pursue a degree in a Health Care field documented by their college (preference will be given to students either in a nursing or dental program) and be a resident of Baraga or Marquette County. Applications for the 2009-10 academic year will be available in June 2009. For more information on this scholarship, please contact Amy St. Arnold, KBIC Education Director, at 906-353-6623, ext. 4117.

TRIBAL COUNCIL SPONSORS TEAM FOR KICKBALL FUNDRAISING TOURNAMENT

The Baraga County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate—for the child's best interests) Program held a fundraising kickball tournament on August 15-17, 2008, at the Aura baseball field. Teams were required to donate \$125 for the Baraga County CASA Program for entry into the tournament. The Tribal Council was one of numerous businesses who sponsored a team for the tournament.

The Team roster included CEO Larry Denomie, Treasurer Jennifer Misegan, Duane Misegan, Peggy Minton, Gary Loonsfoot Jr., Cody Blue, Steven Denomie, Tony Loonsfoot, Everett Ekdahl Jr., Brigitte LaPointe, Dawn Richards, Tyler Larsen, Joey Mattfolk and Travis Lloyd. The team won two of the three games they played on Saturday, August 16th. Sunday morning's games brought two more wins for the team with a final defeat in the afternoon. Tribal Council's team placed third in the weekend tournament. Teammates and spectators had a fun filled weekend participating in the fundraiser.



EDUCATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The Keweenaw Bay Education Committee offers the Education Incentive Program to local KBIC tribal students. Monetary incentives are awarded at the end of each of the four marking periods of the academic year. Awards are given for Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance. Students must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be enrolled KBIC members.
2. Must reside in one of the following four counties: Baraga, Houghton, Ontonagon or Marquette.
3. Must attend a public or private school.

A student's Honor Roll status is defined according to the regulations of their school district. Students in grades four through twelve are eligible to receive this award.

Perfect Attendance follows the school policy also but time for doctor or dental appointments and funerals may be allowed. Please contact the following people for more information:

L'Anse Area Schools – Peggy Dunn 524-0367 pedunn@laschools.k12.mi.us

Baraga Area Schools – Helen Jondreau 353-6661 hjondreau@up.net

All others contact Amy St. Arnold 353-4117 amy@kbic-nsn.gov

Houghton, Ontonagon and Marquette students must provide a copy of the student's report card. If attendance is not noted on the card, please have a school official document by signature. Report cards may be mailed to Keweenaw Bay Tribal Center, Education Office, 16419 Bear Town Rd. Baraga MI 49908.

KBOCC SUCCESSFULLY PASSES ACCREDITATION ELIGIBILITY REVIEW

On July 2, 2008, OCC President, Debbie Parrish was notified by the Higher Learning Commission, North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, that Ojibwa Community College successfully passed the accreditation eligibility review.

An Eligibility Process Panel carefully con-

sidered the documentation OCC provided in the Preliminary Information Form. The purpose of the review was to determine whether an on-site visit, the next step in the process, was appropriate. The Panel reviewed both the quality and quantity of the evidence. The panel concluded that the evidence put forward was sufficient to warrant an on-site visit. The Commission has authorized Ojibwa Community College to prepare its Self-Study Report addressing the appropriate Criteria for candidacy status. The Self-Study Report must be submitted prior to the on-site visit, and the Report is expected to be completed by early October.

Parrish stated, "I am very pleased with the outcome of the eligibility review. Our faculty and staff, along with the Board of Regents, have worked very hard on preparation of the Preliminary Information Report. Additionally, I was honored to have been asked by the Commission to use our report as a model for other emerging tribal colleges." The Higher Learning Commission indicated that OCC was the first and only Tribal College to submit a PIF since the Commission established new eligibility requirements. The Commission also stated OCC's document will be a valuable tool in the resource center at the Higher Learning Commission's Annual Meeting next Spring.

**KBIC Department of Health & Human Services
Behavioral Health Division
Elder, Youth & Family Services**

**Announces the services of
Joe Arcand, Social Worker**

**Hours of Service
8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
Monday—Friday**

**Second Floor, Donald A. LaPointe
Health & Education Center
102 Superior Ave.
Baraga, MI 49908
(906) 353-4544**

NEW EMPLOYEE



Becky Chosa, a KBIC member, was hired as the Deputy Court Clerk and began her duties on August 4th. Becky states, "I have been living and working in this area for the past eleven years after moving back from Minnesota. I was most recently employed at the Ojibwa Casino as a dealer/floorperson and now I'm happy to be starting a new position as the Deputy Court Clerk for KBIC." Becky is the mother of four girls. "My youngest daughter,

Charlotte Chosa-Evans, is twelve, and the other three, Amanda, Angela, and Andrea, are grown up and have moved away. I also have eight grandchildren ranging in all ages from ten years to five-months-old. I'm looking forward to getting into the routine of my new job, new hours and working for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community."

EMPLOYEE CAR WASH DAY



Managers put into action, tactics learned at the Joe Constance Leadership and Supervisor training held this past spring. On the summer morning of Wednesday, August 6th, the Ojibwa Enterprise employees received a car wash by their boss, free of charge. In a strategy to boost employee moral, managers volunteered to wash employee and customers cars. John Mantila, Baraga property's General Manager, stated, "The managers had fun getting together and washed approximately 35 cars." Paula Rantanen (Security Manager), Gerald Cadeau (Slots Manager), Dominic Picciano (Engineer Director), Gina La-Beau (Bingo Manager), Dotti Pryor (Pressbox Manager), and John Mantila (General Manager) participated in the activity.

KBIC Seats Appellate Court Justices



Tribal President, Warren "Chris" Swartz Jr. gave oath to three KBIC Appellate Court Justices on Tuesday, August 19, 2008, in the KBIC Tribal Courtroom. The current Appellate Ordinance specifies the Appellate Court is to consist of two Tribal Judges from other reservations and an KBIC Court Advocacy Attorney. Immediately following their Oath of

Office, the Appellate Court Justices began Status Conferences on the backlog of cases filed with the KBIC Appellate Court. Shown above (left to right) President Swartz, Tom Smithson (Hannahville Tribal Court Judge), Charles Palmer (Sault Tribal Court Judge), and Attorney David Mechlin during the Oath of office procedure.

SPRUCE FAMILY REUNION



On July 26, 2008 - up to fourth generation of descendants of "Samuel & Margaret Spruce" gathered together at the farm owned by James & Lisa Mantila for a day of family, food, and fun. The day was highlighted by the amazing slide show of family photo's assembled by Mavis Mantila.

Included in the photo are Sam & Margarets children: Eleanore "Spruce" Seppanen, Barbara "Spruce" Mantila, Rosemary "Spruce" Haataja, and Ronald Spruce, surrounded by their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. (Picture to the left — Sam & Margaret Spruce.)

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Register to Vote for the National Election by October 6th!

Forms are available at:

- your local secretary of state office
- Department of Human Services FIA
- Health Department
- Housing Offices
- Tribal Center



A-B-I-N-O-O-J-I-S



Introducing Laila Dowd, born on 08/13/2008, to Dawn Hueckstaedt and Lawrence Dowd Jr. Laila was 6 lbs. 8 oz. and was 18.5 inches at birth.

KBIC EVEN START

Open Enrollment for

KBIC EVEN START Family Literacy Program

Earn your GED/High School Diploma

Early Childhood Programs for children

Improve parenting skills

Incentives for participation

Transportation and childcare available

Even Start is **free** to all Tribal and Non-Tribal members with children under the age of eight or are expecting

Call 353-8161 to register

KBIC EVEN START—

755 Michigan Avenue—

Baraga, MI 49908

Youth Dancer (with LeRoy Gauthier as a fill-in at Friday evening grand entry), Vanessa Beaver (Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa) as Head Female Youth Dancer. Ted Holappa (Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa) and Richard “Waubano” Awonohopay (Menominee) served as emcees, Stanley Spruce (Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa) as Arena Director, Robert Rajacic (Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa) as Assistant Arena Director. George Gauthier (Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa) served as Specials Director, and Paul Halverson (Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa) as Head Firekeeper. Teachers were JoAnn Racette (Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa) for Arts & Crafts and Paul Halverson (Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa) for storytelling. Ten-year-old Tom Berentsen of Manistee, Michigan, won the junior fry bread championship; and Tom Marshall of White Hall, Michigan won the adult division fry bread championship. Two-step championship winners for the youth division were Megan Tucker and Raistlin Awonohopay, and in the adult division, the “Whiteman” couple reigned as the champions.

Honored Elder Biographies

Elizabeth Galer — Elizabeth Miller Galer is 81-years-old and was born on November 19, 1926. She is the daughter of the late Alfred and Margaret Miller and is the youngest of five children. Elizabeth is the last surviving member of the original Millers of Dynamite Hill. Elizabeth was married to the late Richard Galer (Yankton Sioux) for 57 years, and together they had seven children, 15 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Their oldest daughter, Rose, was crowned the Miss Michigan Indian Princess of 1962. Elizabeth is a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Ojibwa Senior Citizens and Most Holy Name Church of Assinins.

James “Jay” Loonsfoot — Jay is 77-years-old and was born on February 3, 1931. Jay has been married to Patricia for 47 years and together they have two children, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Jay worked 30 years for the military, 19 years for the government and taught eighth grade for ten years. He has served the community as the director of the Ojibwa Housing Authority, the first game warden for our tribe in the 1970’s, and presently teaches at Ojibwa Community College. Jay’s special interests are being a historian for our tribe, reading, beading, pottery, hunting and fishing. He has achieved an Associate in Business from Suomi College, BA in Education from Northern Michigan University, and a Masters in Education from Antioch University in Seattle, Washington. Jay is a Vietnam Veteran and a member of the KBIC Tribal Veteran group.

Charles “Chuck” Loonsfoot Sr. — Chuck is 69-years-old and was born on January 24, 1939. He has been married to Molly Shalifoe for the past 36 years and together they have nine children, 32 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Chuck worked for the New Day Treatment Program in their beginning years, and as a truck driver for Tribal Construction. Other tribal community involvement includes his commitment to repair the church, church grounds and the church cemetery of the Most Holy Name Church of Assinins. Chuck’s special interests and accomplishments include: hunting, fishing, sobriety and helping get tribal members back on the tribal rolls. Chuck wants the community to know how deeply he feels for his people with honoring them, guiding them, along with respect for all tribal beliefs and all of the people.

Violet Friisvall — Violet is 75-years-old and was born on December 10, 1932. She is the daughter of the late Charles and Susan Marksman, granddaughter of Rebecca Marksman and Samuel and Hattie White, and great-granddaughter of Peter Marksman, the signatory of the Treaty of 1854 and Methodist Missionary. Violet married the late Kenneth Friisvall and together they had eight children, 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Violet worked as a Site Manager for Community Action Agency, an accountant for KB Transit Authority, Director of the Ojibwa Tran-



Tom Marshall of White Hall, Michigan, was presented his award for the adult division fry bread championship, by Powwow Committee member Elvera Lantz.

Tom Berentsen of Manistee, Michigan, was presented his award for the youth division fry bread championship, by Powwow Committee member Elvera Lantz.



Honored elders (left to right) Elizabeth Galer, James “Jay” Loonsfoot, Charles “Chuck” Loonsfoot Sr., Loretta Hugo, Violet Friisvall, and President Swartz on behalf of his father, Warren Swartz Sr.



Host Drum — Buffalo Horse (Minnesota Ojibwa)



Ninety-three-year old Women’s Traditional Dancer in grand entry.



Head Dancers during Friday night’s grand entry (left to right) LeRoy Gauthier (fill in for Head Youth Male Dancer), Vanessa Beaver (Head Youth Female Dancer), Rebecca Genschow (Head Female Dancer), Jim St. Arnold (Head Veteran Dancer), and Rodney Loonsfoot (Head Male Dancer for the Lester Drift Memorial).



(left) Adult Two-Step Champions “Whiteman” Couple. (right) Youth Two-Step Champions, Megan Tucker and Rastlin Awonohopay.

(left) Chelsea Seymour, 2007 Miss Keweenaw Bay, in grand entry.

sit Authority, and a nurse's aide in the home health care field for 13 years. She is a member of the Zeba United Methodist Church, a KBIC election worker and was a member of the election committee, health board, Title 2 and Title 4 education committees, language advisory board and the enrollment board. Violet's special interests include genealogy, medicine, natural remedies, oral history, historical record keeping, sewing, shopping and visiting with family and friends. Violet's many accomplishments include being proud of her children and grandchildren, and completing her High School education.

Warren ‘Jerry’ Swartz Sr. — Jerry is 69-years-old and was born on March 5, 1939. He is the son of the late Mickey and Clara (Knapp) Swartz. Jerry has been married to Sandra Curtis for 46 years and together they have four children and eight grandchildren. Jerry has worked in construction all of his life; before retirement, he worked with Tribal Construction, Saginaw Chippewa Tribe, and owned his own business—Swartz Construction Company. Jerry is involved in the community through the Ojibwa Senior Citizens and the American Legion. His special interests include hunting, fishing, and gardening, and he is a former bowler. Jerry is a veteran and a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Jerry is known on the reservation to the children as, “the candy man who rides around and distributes candy to the youngsters who are playing in their yards.”

Loretta Hugo — Loretta is 72-years-old and was born April 14, 1936. She is a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Ojibwa Senior Citizens, Blessed Kateri Takewetha Catholic Church, L'Anse Ladies Gold League, and the Baraga County TRIAD program. Loretta has resided in Zeba most of her life. She was married for 20 years and has seven children, six grandsons and one granddaughter. Loretta is a graduate of the L'Anse High School and the Haskell Indian Institute in Lawrence, Kansas. Loretta's work history includes the BIA Land Management in Parker, Arizona, the Baraga County Memorial Hospital, Director of the BIA Higher Education, KBIC Administrative Secretary, Ojibwa Casino Payroll Department, and she worked as a part-time dealer and cage worker for KBIC, LacVieux Desert, and Hannahville Tribal Casinos. Loretta's activities include golfing and playing bingo.



Christian Mleko Fund Raisers

On a bitter, cold night in January of 2008 Christian Mleko, a Northern Michigan University College Student, became stranded in 30 below zero temperatures. As a result, he received severe frostbite leading to the loss of seven fingers. Christian searched the internet and found what is called, “The X Finger”. These fingers would give him back the ability to do such things as grasp and type. Christian's insurance does not cover these fingers, and they cost approximately \$8,000.00 a piece. Baraga County community members, along with Christian's family, have begun fund raisers to help with the expenses. Following are the current fund raisers:

Beef & Pork Dinner
Saturday September 20th
Baraga Armory
Adults: \$10:00 – Children Under Ten \$5:00
Hor d’œuvres: 3p.m. to 4p.m.
Dinner: 4p.m. to 6p.m.
Live Auction: 6p.m. to 8p.m.
50/50 Raffle every ½ hour
Dancing: 8p.m. to 10p.m.
Tickets Sold at Local Business's

Cook Book Sale
Beginning September 1st (Ongoing)
Cost: \$10.00
\$12.00 for those who live out of the Baraga County to cover shipping
Contact Natalie Mleko at 353-6666
Roxanne Anderson at 524-6497
Cook Books will be Available at Local Business's

A Tragedy Fund has also been opened for Christian at Superior National Bank, 201 Superior Avenue in Baraga, Michigan for anyone who would like to send a donation.

Thank you from all of Christian's family to all of you that have helped us out in any way! God's Blessings!

There will be a dance presentation on September 21st at NMU. If you want to dance or know anyone else who is interested, have them contact the THPO 353-6272 or 353-6278 or thpo@kbic-nsn.gov with their name and contact information. Once we have more details, we will be contacting people to confirm their spot for that evening.



NOTICE:

NRD have some items that were lost at the KBIC Kids Derby are at the hatchery (4 shirts/hoodies). People can claim them with a call 524-5757, or can stop by the hatchery.



1ST STEP COUNSELING SERVICE

If you are interested in starting or buying a business and don't know what to do next...

Call Tina Durant @
(906) 353-2626 at
the Anishinaabe Anokii Center.

She will set you up with an appointment with a certified business counselor in the Baraga County area. Sessions are free and confidential.



Anishinaabe Anokii

First People's Work Center



A small business development and support center sponsored in part by a grant from the ANA that is focused on Native American-owned businesses and entrepreneurs. Anokii staff assist Native Americans and non-Tribal members in becoming successful and profitable business owners.

Anishinaabe Anokii services include:

- **Tribal Business Owner Directory**
- **Business Development Resources**
- **Fax, Copier, Computer & Internet Services, Meeting Room**
- **Business Support & Developmental Education Classes**
- **Confidential Credit Counseling & Financial Literacy Classes**
- **“Indianpreneur” Business Development Program**

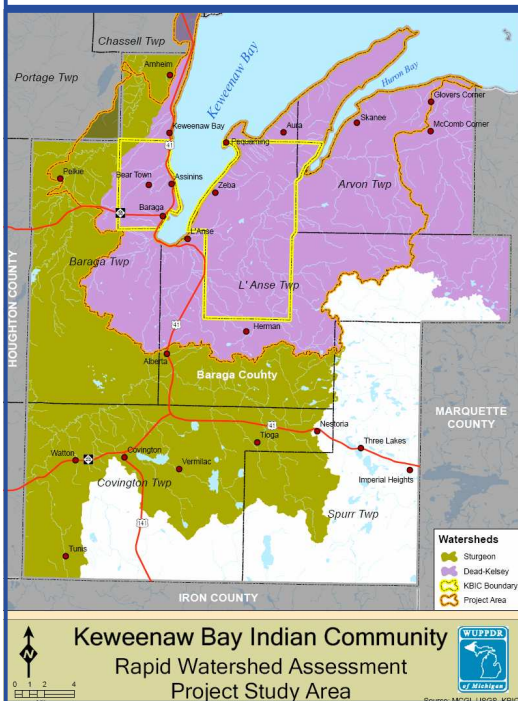
8:00 am-4:30 pm
Ojibwa Industrial Park
Baraga, MI 49908

Tel: (906) 353-2626 Fax: (906) 353-2627

Timothy W. Shanahan,
Business Counselor

Tina Durant,
Services Coordinator

Rapid Watershed Assessment Project – How You Can Help



Since late 2007, the Natural Resource Department, Western Upper Peninsula RC&D, Western Upper Peninsula Planning and Development (WUPPDR), and the U.S. Department of Agriculture have been working together to complete a Rapid Watershed Assessment (RWA) project to collect and compile information about watersheds on and around the L'Anse Reservation. These watersheds include the Falls, Silver, Ravine, Slate, Sturgeon, and segments of Lake Drainage watersheds that include smaller streams, such as Linden, Little Carp, and Zeba Creek.

Project work has included watershed road crossing and culvert inventories. Poorly constructed road crossings can add sediment into the stream it crosses. Sediment pollution in streams and rivers degrades fish and wildlife habitat, disrupts spawning, and can raise water temperature and degrade water quality. Poorly constructed or perched culverts can be barriers to fish movement in a stream. Fish movements within streams are critical and maintain healthy fish populations. Spawning migrations may be the most well known type of movement, but seasonal and daily movements upstream or downstream to find food, take refuge from predators, find the preferred temperature ranges, or to find cover are also critical for fish populations.

Work completed to date has identified 25 problem culverts which restrict movement in about 40 miles of streams. Problem road crossings and substandard culverts identified through this inventory will be prioritized for future repair or replacement which will result in improved habitat and water quality for waters on and around the Reservation.

How you can help - Recently about 500 watershed newsletters were mailed out to Tribal members. This newsletter includes a survey requesting information from the public about watershed resource concerns. Please help us by completing this survey and returning it to the Natural Resource Department or the Tribal Center. If you did not receive a copy of the newsletter, or if you have any questions, please contact the Natural Resource Department at (906) 524-5757.

New Ogaa (Walleye) Rearing Facility Construction

Construction started late last year on a new ogaa (walleye) rearing facility for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. The construction site is located just north of Brewery Road and just east of the New Day Treatment Center. An existing livestock pond at this location is being converted into two drainable walleye rearing ponds which will be operated and maintained by the Natural Resource Department. The new facility is being funded using Tribal funds and grant funds from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Department of Agriculture. When the facility is operational, we anticipate that 50,000 to 75,000 walleye fingerlings will be produced each year for stocking. Walleye fingerlings produced will be stocked into Keweenaw Bay, Huron Bay, and other areas to supplement existing walleye populations and provide for additional harvest opportunities.



Upper Michigan Ogaa (Walleye)
Common name: Walleye
Latin name: Sander vitreus

We are hoping to start rearing operations in the spring of 2009. Please contact the Natural Resource Department at (906) 524-5757 if you have any questions about this project.

Natural Resource Department Hatchery Visits and Volunteers

Since May, nearly 500 people have toured or assisted with work at Hatchery Facilities in Pequaming. People of all ages and interests have come to see the coldwater fish rearing facilities and learn about the Natural Resource Department programs. In particular, Hatchery Staff enjoy teaching children about raising and managing lake trout and brook trout. We have hosted and educated several school groups this summer, including:

- ♦ **Youth Great Explorations groups from Baraga, Hancock, Houghton, Lake Linden, and L'Anse.**
- ♦ **BHK Summer Literacy groups from the Tri-County area.**
- ♦ **Sacred Heart Schools.**
- ♦ **KBIC Day Camp and Pre-Primary Program children.**

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Tour with kids from the BHK Summer Literacy Program.

Assisting were: Brian Janson (SWP Youth Crew Leader), Zachary Miller, Joey Smith, Corey Snowberger, Brian Williams, Danial Vizona

We have also received volunteer assistance from the KBIC Summer Youth Program, The Cedar Tree Institute, and the Superior Watershed Partnership out of Marquette.

KBNRD Assistance from Youth.

Members of the Youth Crew of the Superior Watershed Partnership (SWP) assisted KBNRD in preparing over 20,000 brook trout yearlings for stocking into local streams. As part of a typical hatchery operation protocol, fish that are to be introduced into the wild from a hatchery should be marked in a way that makes them identifiable as being hatchery in origin. In this case, 20,000 fish needed to have one of their fins "clipped", leaving a permanent mark for later survival research purposes. This is time consuming work, and we appreciate the efforts of the SWP Youth Crew!

The Youth Crew also assisted KBNRD in dismantling the adult sea lamprey trap that was fishing in the Silver River May-July. The Kids certainly enjoyed learning about fish and wildlife in the hatchery and in the field. Thanks! (Miigwetch!)



Lost Gillnet Net Recovery

The Lake Superior Commercial Gillnet Fishery is an important source of food and income to businesses and families throughout the Great Lakes region. Commercially licensed fishers from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and other area tribes have harvested lake trout, lake whitefish, and other fish species for many generations. Gillnets of various sizes and materials have been and still are a primary fishing gear.

At times, gillnets are lost for various reasons including storms, sudden strong currents, ice flows, floating debris, or human disturbance. These lost nets are commonly referred to as ghost nets. Recovery of ghost nets helps

minimize the risk of negatively impacting the Lake Superior fishery resource. Gillnets are generally made of durable materials that can last for an extended time.

Since acquisition of the Law Enforcement boat and the installation of the Natural Resources Department gillnet lifter onto the law boat, our departments have worked cooperatively to recover a number of ghost nets. To recover ghost nets, a large and heavy chain grapple is strategically drug across the lake bottom in the area where the net is suspected to be present. Law Enforcement and Natural Resources Staff coordinate these efforts based on information reported by Commercial and Sport Fishers, other Management Agencies, or the general public.

We encourage anyone who encounters a suspected ghost net to collect as much information as possible about the location, depth, and length of the net. Useful information includes GPS coordinates, landmark descriptions, apparent depth, etc. We would also advise that people don't attempt to recover the nets themselves, but instead try to mark the net with a tether line and floating jug or other marker on the surface.

Please help us protect the fishery by calling the Natural Resource Department at 906-524-5757 or the Tribal Police at 906-353-6626 to report suspected ghost nets.





Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing Authority

Mission: To provide affordable and attractive housing opportunities in a safe and healthy environment to qualifying tribal members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, encourage self-improvement of the community's low income families, and provide employment opportunities.

Programs and Services provided by the KBOHA:

- Low income rental homes and apartments
 1. 158 Homes/apartments in Baraga
 2. 50 Homes in Zeba
 3. 40 Homes in Marquette/Harvey
- Supportive housing/transitional housing to help address family issues;
- New, custom built, super-insulated homes for homeownership on Beartown Road;
- Home buyer training to prepare members for home ownership;
- Financial literacy training to improve members' financial skills;
- Home maintenance training to improve members' ability to maintain homes;
- Home rehabilitation program to improve the condition of member-owned homes;
- Home emergency assistance program to remedy negative conditions in the home;
- Individual development account program – a 4:1 matched savings program for member goals that include:
 1. Down payment assistance for home purchase;
 2. College tuition and expenses for residents;
 3. Business expansion/start-up expenses;
 4. Home repair for member-owned homes;
 5. Credit repair for homeownership;
 6. Vehicle purchase for work/school.
- Low cost home improvement loan program for qualifying tribal members;
- Low cost tax preparation program for residents and tribal members;
- Surplus FEMA mobile home program for tribal members;
- Stipend program covering mileage and child care expenses for residents attending college;
- Affordable curbside trash service for residents and members;
- Prescription subsidy program to reimburse tribal elders and disabled households for prescriptions purchased;
- Ojibwa Building Supply Do It Best- providing tribal employment, quality affordable building supplies and profits for housing programs;
- Ojibwa Builders construction company- providing tribal employment, quality affordable construction, and profits for housing programs;
- Market rate rentals - five rental properties in Baraga and one in Negaunee- providing profits for housing programs.

Make a Difference Youth Foundation



On August 8th, eight of our Tribal Youth attended a conference in Dallas on the campus of Southern Methodist University. The conference was held with other students the same age from Chicago and Dallas. The students have been meeting bi-weekly at MTU to utilize global communication strategies to jointly plan

the conference that was held. The intention of the meetings was to plan a conference based on the topic "College Ready." They worked together to create an itinerary of workshops and activities for the conference at SMU.

Students met individually (within their own location, KBIC's being MTU) and held live multi-point videoconferences that connected the three groups into one meeting. Each location needed to facilitate at least one meeting with the responsibility of providing agendas to the other locations and minutes of the meeting, with responsibilities assigned during the meeting.

While at the conference, our students presented a workshop on the Ojibwa culture. Wesley Curtis presented about the drums, Tashina Emery presented about being princess, and Ethan Smith played the flute. The students from Dallas and Chicago were very interested in our culture and were very informed with many new things. The purpose of the workshops was to inform others about each other's culture and to prepare for all the different type of people they will encounter throughout college.

During the trip, the students were allowed a "Day in Dallas" where our youth spent the day at Six Flags. Though the temperature was over 100 degrees, it didn't stop our kids from having fun. Overall our kids enjoyed the experience and would definitely do it again.

The Ojibwa Housing Authority will be holding the following training sessions for the month of September and beginning of October:

Homebuyer Training

**September 9th from 1 to 6 p.m.
Harvey Community Building**

Financial Training Session

**Part I September 15th from 1 to 4 p.m.
at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens in Baraga**

**Part II September 18th from 1 to 4 p.m.
at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens in Baraga**

Financial Training Session

**Part I September 29th from 3 to 6 p.m.
at the Ojibwa Seniors Citizens in Baraga**

**Part II October 6th from 3 to 6 p.m.
at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens in Baraga**

Anyone interested in attending is asked to contact Christine LaPointe or Natalie Mleko at 524-5514.

OJIBWA SENIOR CITIZENS NEWSLETTER

Our craft room is now in operation. It is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. We are looking for local crafters of handmade Anishinabe items. Contact Ginny Ann at 353-7671.

The quilters schedule at the senior center is Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6-ish p.m.

Our July 31st pasty sale was a success. We sold approximately 750 pasties. On Wednesday, peeling/cutting day, we had 15 volunteers. On Thursday, baking/selling day, we had 19 volunteers. A big Chi Miigwetch to those hard working volunteers.

Eight seniors enjoyed Senior Day at the U.P. State Fair in Escanaba on Wednesday, August 13th. Ron Spruce volunteered to drive our senior van. We left at 8 a.m. and returned at 9 p.m.

The sign up list for the October 6-8, 2008, MIEA conference is filled. A standby list is available. If you find you are unable to attend, please let the Secretary know as soon as possible, so changes can be made. The cutoff date for cancellations is Wednesday, September 24th. We will be utilizing Superior Coaches.

Copies of the Michigan Indian Elders Association's bylaws are available at the senior office. If you would like a copy, please stop in.

Senior Assistance payments have been processed. You should have received notifications of distribution. If you have any questions, contact Philly at 353-6096.

FILE OF LIFE – The File of Life Foundation, Inc., is a non-profit corporation promoting life-saving ideas. The FOL packet contains medical information designed to provide emergency personnel with necessary medical data to begin immediate treatment. This very simple concept has saved lives. The card, which is kept in a red plastic pocket labeled FILE OF LIFE, is held with a magnet to the outside of the refrigerator. A personal wallet size version is also available. The card lists the patient's name, emergency medical contacts, insurance policy and social security numbers, health problems, medications, dosages, allergies, recent surgeries, religion, doctor's name and a health care proxy. Who is at Risk? We all are. Medical emergencies can happen to anyone at any time. That's why everyone needs the "File of Life." But one group in particular needs special emphasis. Did you know 58% of all Emergency Calls are for Senior Citizens? Are they prepared for this? There's panic, confusion, fear and a terrible sense of urgency and helplessness. With the FOL, there is solid information on conditions and medications, it's written down and ready to be utilized immediately by the EMT's. It might make the difference between life and death. We have a supply at the Senior Center (free).

Director's Office 353-6096, Senior Office 353-7691

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
Drug Task Force
~ Mission Statement ~

To promote education through public awareness with the specific objective to eliminate the use of "illegal drugs" for the betterment of the health, welfare, and safety of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and our neighboring Communities.



KBIC Drug Tip Line 353-DRUG 3784

ANIN! Our children (young and old), relatives and friends need us to help them lead a healthy, drug-free life. Drug and alcohol problems can be prevented and preventing them starts with us.

NATIONAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH—SEPTEMBER 2008. This September, celebrate your story with family, friends and treatment providers. Make a difference-voice your experience. Every year, towns, counties and states around the country observe recovery month in September.

There is also a new program to increase your chances for success in recovering from substance abuse and other addictions. Even if you have struggled for years, there is new hope for recovery. These services will be provided through the "Access to Recovery" initiative of the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan with eleven Michigan Tribes to expand access to substance abuse treatment and recovery support services.

"Don't let your life be confined by drug or alcohol addiction, know that for every lock, there is a key."

CONTINUING TO PROTECT THE EARTH

ANIN! It was so good to see many of you at the activities during Michigan's first "Protect the Earth Summit" held for two days on August 2-3. It was a beautiful day for the walk from the Yellow Dog River to Eagle Rock on Sunday.

Last year our teachings at the Pow-Wow centered on "Embracing our past to protect our Future." Since the 1600's, the Ojibwa (Nature's) people have long lived and made their homes in the Upper Great Lakes region. In 1842, the land in the Yellow Dog Plains was ceded to the U.S. government. In our 1842 Treaty, our leaders retained the right to hunt, fish, and gather on these ceded lands to ensure future Ojibwa generations' survival.

from the eastern Atlantic seaboard along the Great Lakes and through the Upper Peninsula, as well as from Ojibwa traditional and religious culture. Remember why the eagle flies high; that water is a gift of life and is sacred; the new and old stories told about our history, our families, our way of life and what is sacred; being kind to neighbors; our elders, our mothers and fathers, and remember how respect should be given to each other.

The Tribal Council's position on mining has not changed since 2004 when we adopted a resolution which found that Kennecott's proposed mining deeply offends the traditional and cultural values of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. The gains from the mine are far outweighed by the potential for permanent and severe damage to the natural resources of our Indian Community and State along with the risks of human health from the associated acid mine drainage for generations and generations to come. The KBIC, Huron Mountain Club, the National Wildlife Federation and the Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve assembled a team of over twenty experts to provide a detailed review of the Kennecott Mining Application after it was filed with the State in February 2006.

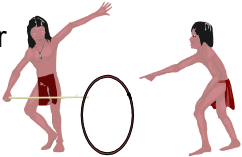
The Tribal Council, Community and I thank all of you for your great and noble efforts in stopping this proposed mine and protecting our Earth. It has been a long journey, and you are to be commended. Have a great September as we approach the Fall and Winter season, be safe, enjoy, and may God, the Creator, be with you all and bring you peace. MIIGWETCH.

~ Susan J. LaFornier, Vice President

OJIBWEMOWIN
Manoominike Giizis —
Rice Making Moon—September

Word List

nookomis-grandmother
nimishoomis-my grandfather
nimaamaa-my mother
imbaabaa-my father
nimisenh-my older sister
nishiime-my younger sibling (sister)
nisayenh-my older brother
nishiime-my younger sibling (brother)



Word Search

n i m i s e n h n i m n s e
i m n b a m i m b a a b a a
m h s n i n s y m n i e n o
i o n i m a a m a a d n i a
s i o s o a y s e n m f b n
h s o h n b e m s h y i g h
o h k i e a n i s h i i m e
o i o i n i h b n o b s j h
m k m m a n p i y m i a n m
i b i e p m k n a e b m i a
s o s i m o o h s i m i n j

The language page was designed from reference of "A Concise Dictionary of Minnesota Ojibwe" by John D. Nichols and Earl Nyholm.

September 2008 Calendars Events

Sept. 1 — Labor Day, Gov't Offices Closed

Sept. 6 — Saturday Tribal Council Meeting, Chippewa Room 9 a.m.

Sept. 26 — Michigan Indian Day, Gov't Offices Closed

September 2008 calendar grid showing dates 1 through 27.

Events occurring throughout KBIC are welcome to be listed on the Calendar of Events. Contact newsletter@kbic.nsn.gov to list your events. Events are more detailed FYI within the newsletter. For up-to-day event listings, visit www.ojibwa.com and click on calendar.

Tribal Government Employee Picnic

Tribal Government employees enjoyed an afternoon in the sun at their Annual Tribal Employee Picnic held August 8th. Winners of events were: Pineapple on a string—Cody Blue; Limbo—Kit



(Racette) Laux; Waterballoon toss—Ev Ekdahl and Tony Loonsfoot; Canoe race—Liz Julio and Kit Laux; Horseshoes—Jesse Forcia and Brad Dakota; Reggae relay—Donna Fredricson and Suzy Carlson; Hula dancing (men's) Arlan Friisvall and (women's) Kathy Lanczy; Tug of War—Tribal Maintenance and Tribal Construction. More pictures are available at www.kbic-nsn.gov.

AFDO/Seafood Alliance HACCP 3-Day Training Course

HACCP training certification is required to obtain a Keweenaw Bay Indian Community commercial fishing license. There will be a certification course offered in Brimley, Michigan, during December 2008. Registration fee is \$90. A course agenda may be obtained at the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Licensing Office or Natural Resource Department.

Course Information

Date: December 9-11, 2008
Times: 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. daily
Location: Bay Mills Community College – Migizi Hall, 12214 W. Lakeshore Drive, Brimley, Michigan

For registration please contact: Ronald Kinnunen, Michigan Sea Grant, Michigan State University, (906) 226-3687. For more information please contact the Natural Resource Department at (906) 524-5757.

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